

SECRETARY WILSON APPEARS MONDAY BEFORE PROBERS

Will Be Asked to Explain
His Part in Wiley
Controversy.

Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, who has played a leading role in the Wiley controversy, will take the witness stand Monday before the House committee investigating the McCabe-Wiley affair. The appearance of the Secretary is awaited with great interest by the committee and the public, for he has much to explain.

Although the testimony of Dr. Wiley, concluded yesterday, has shown that Solicitor McCabe is the chief stumbling block in the prompt and orderly administration of the pure food laws, there has cropped out at every hearing some story of how the Secretary himself, designedly or otherwise, has hampered the bureau of chemistry.

The Secretary will be asked to tell why he named Dr. Lunlap as "associate chemist," an appointment which Dr. Wiley construed as meaning that he had been displaced in real authority for some one in the better graces of the Solicitor and the department.

Position of Secretary.

Reversed rulings, unanswered letters, and suppressed documents, all embarrassing the work of Dr. Wiley, have been laid at the feet of Secretary Wilson and Solicitor McCabe. Dr. Wiley also testified that the Secretary himself approved every detail of the employment of Dr. H. H. Rusby, the foundation stone about which the present controversy rages. The chief chemist says that he kept nothing from the Secretary—that he told him that Dr. Rusby would resign unless he could receive better pay for his expert work, and that Secretary Wilson acquiesced in the arrangement. The Secretary, said the chief chemist, was willing to pay Dr. Rusby \$2,000 a year, while Dr. Wiley cut the amount down to \$1,500.

The board of personnel recommended the dismissal of Dr. Wiley because of the Rusby employment, and out of this transaction has come one of the most unusual departmental scandals with which any House investigating committee has yet had to deal.

May Close Present Work.

The Secretary of Agriculture also will be quizzed as to the appointment of the Remsen referee board, a higher court which reverses the Bureau of Chemistry occasionally. Dr. Wiley testified that when food adulterators appeal to the Remsen board, he is powerless until the board acts, and that even if a decision is delayed for a year or more the adulterators can continue to use the objectionable ingredients which the Bureau of Chemistry should put under the ban at once.

Secretary Wilson's testimony probably will conclude the hearings of the investigating committee for the present, as the session of Congress is expected to adjourn early next week. The President has signified his intention to consider the evidence adduced before the committee, and a departmental shake-up seems probable.

ORDERED VANLOAD OF SIX-CENT BACON

Southeast Resident Sees It Advertised at That Price,
and at Once Draws Out His Savings, But Alas, the
Newspaper Was Fifty-nine Years Old.

Rushing madly into a meat and provision store in Southeast Washington, this morning, an excited workman threw upon the counter a small roll of bills and a small sack which jingled like the sound of coins as it struck the hardwood surface.

"Give me \$167.53 worth of bacon, and give it to me quick," he exclaimed to the amused storekeeper. "I've got a van backed up at the side alley to haul it away. Hurry up and let me have it, the quickest I get it will be too slow."

By this time, the storekeeper caught the excitement. Couldn't see why any ordinary workman wanted \$167.53 worth of meat, and he said so. Neither could he see the reason for the wide-eyed customer's bringing a moving van to his store to carry away his purchases. He also told him this.

The workman carried in his hand a newspaper. He glanced at the paper, and then repeated the order for bacon. "Let's see," he continued, "I should get about 2,398 pounds, I guess."

"You ought to get a job in the Weather Bureau," the shopman replied. "I'll give you another guess and let you watch me fix my scales at the 670 mark."

At this, the would-be customer threw upon the counter the newspaper which he had carefully carried to the store. "If you aren't selling bacon at 64 cents per pound, why do you advertise it that way?" he asked.

"Haven't had an advertisement in a newspaper for years," the meat merchant answered, picking up the crumpled sheet on the counter. He then burst out into a hearty laugh. "Observe the date on this paper, July 3, 1852. What do you think I am?"

Sure enough, the newspaper, printed by "Towers, Washington," was of that date. Fifty-nine years afterwards it had come to light. The meat shop in question had occupied the same place during that entire time, although its ownership had repeatedly changed hands.

Workmen tearing down the little old mud, brick and plank house which has stood at 184 Eighth street southeast for 110 years, discovered a bunch of old

T. L. Colvin's Body Arrives From Norfolk

The body of Thomas L. Colvin, structural iron worker, of Washington, who was killed while working on the second story of the new depot in Norfolk, Va., arrived here this morning. Colvin was struck by an iron beam Thursday and knocked to the ground, breaking both arms and legs and several ribs. He was taken to a hospital in Norfolk, where he died.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from Addison Chapel, on Sheriffs road. Interment will be in the yard of the chapel.

German Societies Hold Outings Tomorrow

The Germania Maennerchor will hold a regular outing tomorrow at Marshall Hall. Singing will occupy much of the day under the direction of Emil Christ, musical director of the choir. The Maennerchor is preparing for the singing contests of the next national tournament.

Another German society, the German Army Veterans' Association, will hold a picnic tomorrow. Karl Heurich, proprietor of "The Willows" just beyond Tenleytown, will be host of the veterans and their families. Capt. Hermann Lechner, commander of the association; Karl Egolf, and others will make informal speeches. There will be athletic sports. Special attention will be given to athletic events for children, and prizes will be awarded.

It is expected that nearly all the 100 members of the association, accompanied by their families, will attend. All the members have seen service in the German army, and their outings are much of the same nature as a campfire of a Grand Army post.

Peach Crop Is Poor.

BURLINGTON, N. J., Aug. 18.—Burlington county's peach crop, now nearing its height, is the poorest in years. In many sections the yield is not one-eighth of the bumper crop of last year, and the growers blame the long spring drought, which withered the young fruit before it had become set. The dollar-a-basket peach will be about the cheapest this year's market will offer to housewives during the canning season, and extra fine fruit will sell at \$2 a basket and more.

District Naval Militia Take Cruise on Oneida

Thirty officers and men of the District Naval Militia will leave the city late this afternoon aboard the Oneida for a practice cruise in Chesapeake Bay. Lieutenant Dustin will be in command and Ensign Smoot will be acting executive officer. The Oneida will leave her dock about 5 o'clock and will steam to the mouth of the river. The men will be given boat drill Sunday, and Sunday night the Oneida will point her nose upstream, so that the men may return to their work Monday morning. The cruise is for the benefit of the men who could not go on the annual cruise with the Atlantic fleet.

Cut Mad Cat's Head Off.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Unable to loosen its hold after a pet cat, gone mad, bit him in the forearm, Clemens Schroeder cut the cat's head off.

Plan Entertainment for Women's Relief Corps

Elaborate arrangements for the reception of the Women's Relief Corps, and the entertainment of its members, at Rochester, N. Y., next week, are being made by the committee in charge, according to Mrs. Hamilton, past department president of the Department of the Potomac.

Mrs. Hamilton in an address before Burnside Post, No. 4, W. R. C., at a meeting in the G. A. R. Hall Wednesday night, gave an account of her trip from Washington to Detroit, and thence to Quebec and Rochester. She gave detailed information regarding the preparations being made by the Rochester committee for entertaining the corps. Mrs. Marie Smith, junior vice president of Burnside Corps, presided at the meeting. One application for membership was received.

G. A. R. Veterans Favor Highway for Memorial

The construction of a highway between Washington and Gettysburg as a memorial to Lincoln, will be urged by the Washington delegates to the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which opens in Rochester next Monday.

The Capital G. A. R. men will leave the Union Station tomorrow morning at 7:10 o'clock for the convention city. More than 300 will attend from Washington.

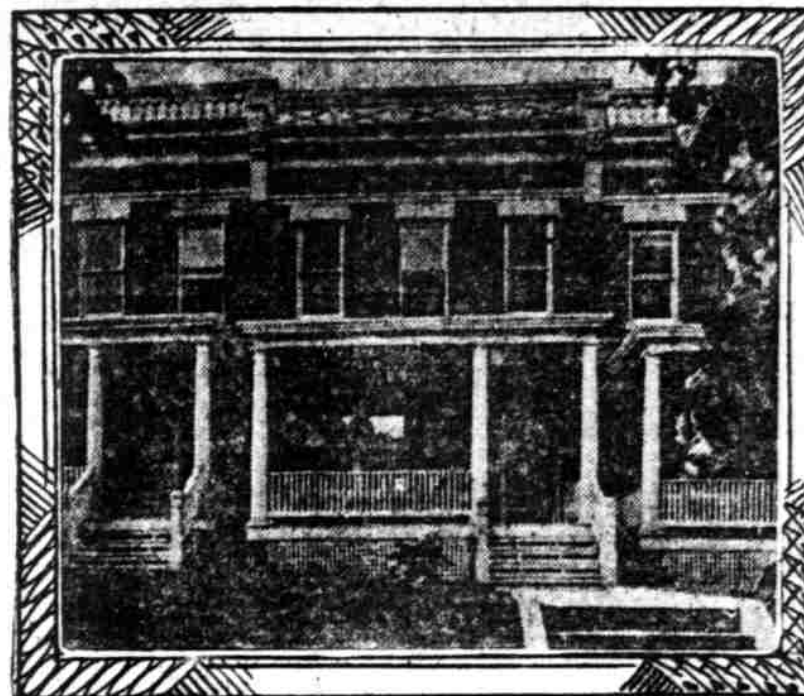
"The Washington G. A. R. men," Commander Ross, says, "think the memorial to Lincoln should be a highway to connect Washington with Gettysburg. This memorial would prove practical, and that is the kind of a memorial needed for a practical man like Lincoln." Commander Ross will leave Washington tonight for Rochester, to have everything in readiness for the Department of the Potomac veterans.

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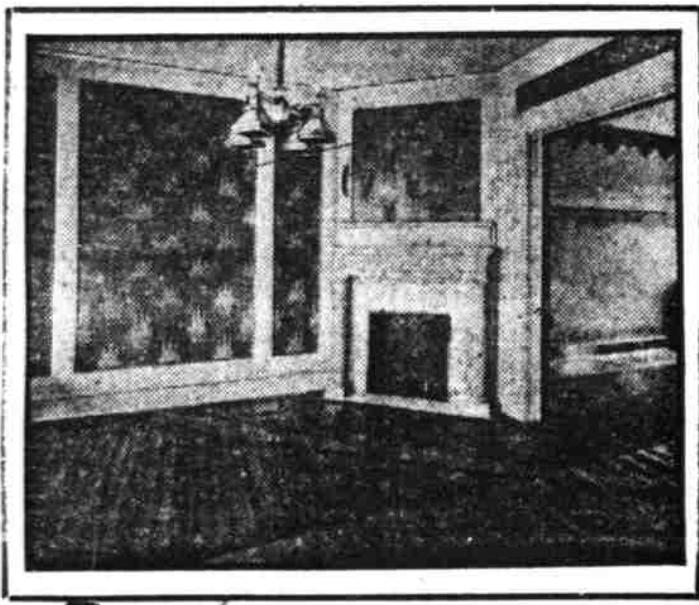
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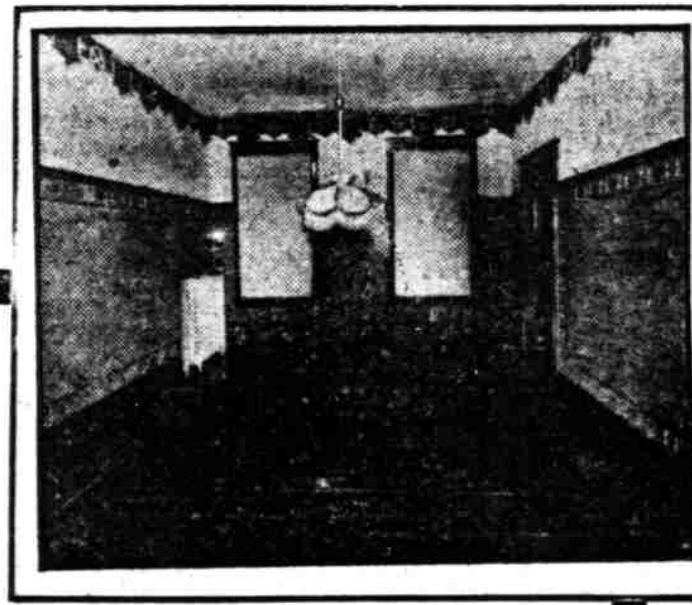
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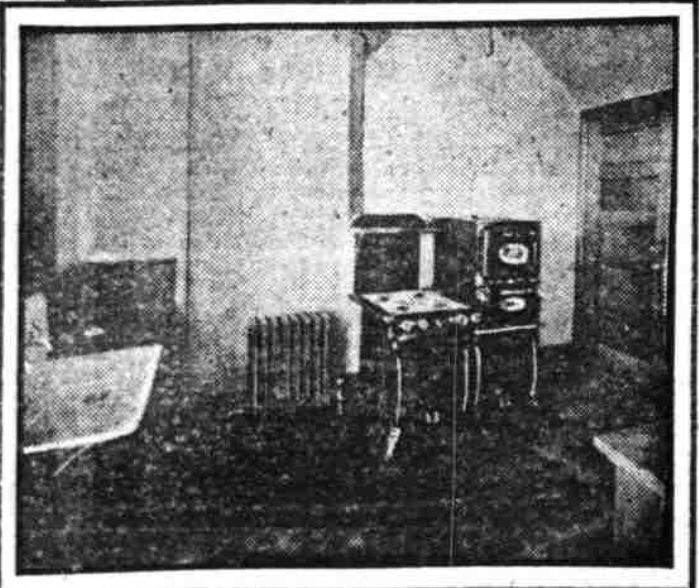
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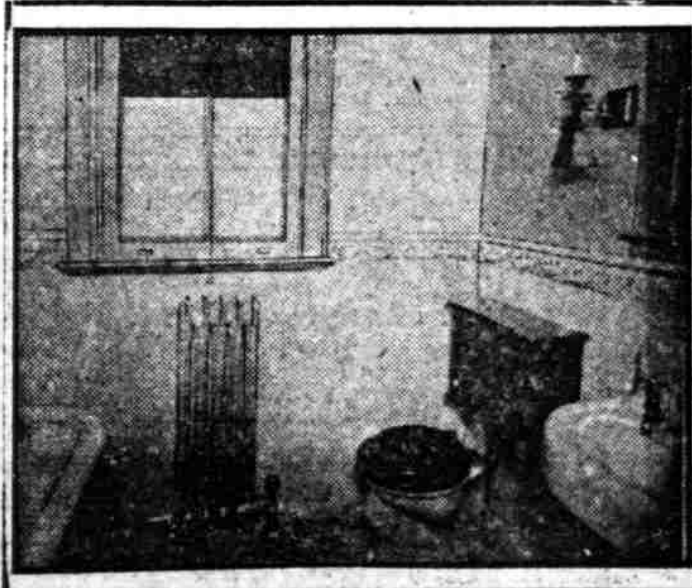
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